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Voted, That the daughters of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap be added to the list of those to whom the volumes are to be given.*

Rev. James Richards, of Newark, New Jersey, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Voted, That a bill of thirty dollars for numbering the books be allowed.

At the request of the Treasurer, Mr. TILDEN and Mr. COOLIDGE were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Dissolved. JOSEPH MCKEAN.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1815.

Jan. 26, 1815. At the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, — the members present were, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Winthrop; came in, T. L. Winthrop, J. Tilden, W. D. Peck, A. Holmes, J. Bartlett, and W. Tudor.

In the absence of the President, Judge WINTHROP took the chair.

Ballots were brought in for election, and the Rev. JAMES RICHARDS, of Newark, New Jersey, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

A report was made by the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, stating that on the 26th of December, 1814, the balance in his hands was eighty-three dollars and forty-two cents.

Several communications were made by the Corre-

* Subsequently inserted in the list drawn up at the last meeting. — EDS.

sponding Secretary of letters and donations received since the last meeting.

Voted, That the Librarian, Cabinet-Keeper, and Recording Secretary be a committee to apprize the duplicate books and pamphlets, and endeavor to dispose of the same, — members of the Society to have the preference as purchasers, — and to expend the proceeds in procuring the binding of pamphlets, &c.

Voted, That Hon. William Tudor, J. Quincy, and J. Savage, Esq., be a committee to consider the expediency of enforcing Article II. of the By-Laws, respecting delinquent members.*

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1815.

April 27. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, A. Bradford, J. Davis, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, C. Gore, A. Holmes, J. Homer, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, J. Savage, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Prince and T. M. Harris.

The Hon. President in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Rev. Mr. Pierce and Dr. R. Webster were appointed to collect and report the ballots for officers. The following were declared to be chosen: —

Hon. CHRISTOPHER GORE, LL.D.,	was chosen	President.
JOSEPH McKEAN	„	Recording Secretary.
Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	„	Corresponding Secretary.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	„	Treasurer.
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	„	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq.	„	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Hon. JOHN DAVIS, LL.D. THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. Rev. JOHN PIERCE	were chosen	Standing Committee.

* The reference is to the clause on p. 222, made part of Article II. of the By-Laws, as printed in 2 Collections, I. 3. — Eds.

Letters were communicated from Hon. William Baylies, Rev. Zephaniah Willis, and Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D., resigning their several connections with this Society.*

Voted, To accept their resignations respectively.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to remit the sums due from Rev. Mr. Willis, and to express to him the regret of the Society at his relinquishing a connection, the literary obligations of which he was so able and disposed to advance.

The Standing Committee reported that Rev. Charles Lowell, Hon. Charles Jackson, and Levi Hedge, Esq., are on nomination as Resident Members.

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* Dr. Baylies addressed the following letter to the Treasurer of the Society:

"WELLINGTON, April 20th, 1815.

"SIR, — I have sent enclosed ten dollars. My health is such, and has been for a number of years, that I can neither promise myself punctuality nor usefulness for the future. I therefore wish to be considered as no longer a member of the Historical Society. Of this, Sir, you will be kind enough to inform them, hoping, at the same time, that the greatest utility which has hitherto marked its progress will continue. Please to accept my best wishes and the assurance of my great respect.

"WILLIAM BAYLIES.

"Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY."

Dr. Baylies was one of the ten original members of the Society. He graduated at Harvard College in 1760, was a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775, and frequently a member of the Council. By profession he was a physician. He died at Dighton, — a part of whose territory was once included in the now extinct town of Wellington, whence his letter is addressed, — on the 17th of June, 1826, aged eighty-two.

Dr. Cutler wrote, under date of 18th April, enclosing twelve dollars, the sum due from him to the Society. He said he had been afflicted with the asthma for several years, and found it increasing upon him, and it was not in his power to attend the meetings of the Society. He also added that, on account of the pressure of the time, he found it inconvenient to pay the annual taxes. He therefore requested to be no longer considered a member.

Dr. Cutler was a warm friend of Dr. Belknap. His connection with the Ohio Company, and with the Ordinance of 1787, has recently formed the subject of an interesting article in the "North American Review" for April, 1876, by our Corresponding Member, Mr. W. F. Poole, of Chicago. — EDS.

FAC-SIMILE OF HAND WRITING OF WILLIAM BAYLIES.

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Hon. Josiah Quincy

Voted, That the Treasurer report from time to time those members who neglect to pay their admission or annual assessments, as required by Article II.*

The Committee on the subject of that Article reported "that it is expedient to enforce it," &c.†

Voted, To accept the report.

Voted, That the Committee for publishing Hubbard's History be authorized to procure the binding of the copies, and to carry into effect all the measures necessary to obtaining the sum granted by the Legislature.

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* See pp. 222 and 245. — Eds.

† The Society had no funds, and, of course, were dependent on the admission fees and the annual assessments for existence; and any laxity on the part of the members in complying with the rules in this respect created serious embarrassment. As early as January, 1797 (see p. 105), the Society found it necessary to adopt a By-Law on this subject; and, in March, 1805 (see p. 169), the Treasurer was directed to send bills to members who had not paid their assessments. In August, 1808, the Standing Committee made a report on the subject of delinquent members (see p. 197), which was recommitted to the same Committee; and, at the same time, the Treasurer was directed to write to such members, and administer a serious warning. At the October meeting following (see p. 199), the Standing Committee again submitted their report, with the necessary corrections, which was ordered to be put on file, and to be taken up at the next meeting. The records are silent as to the nature of the report of the Standing Committee, or as to any further action on that report by the Society.

This report of the Standing Committee, submitted at the August and October meetings, in 1808, is on file, and we give it a place here: —

"The Committee, agreeably to verbal instructions, having taken into consideration the subject of delinquencies, propose that any person elected a member, and not having paid his admission money for the space of one year, shall be considered as not having accepted, and his place be declared vacant.

"That, whereas, in the year 1805, the account against each member was transmitted by the Treasurer, Mr. Quincy, with a request that the same might be discharged, and, notwithstanding which, the arrearages that were then due, as well as the assessments that have since accrued, remain unpaid, thereby disabling the Society from the regular payment of its ordinary expenses from its own funds, it is further proposed that the Treasurer be requested to state to the delinquent members the spirit and intention of the Article respecting yearly assessments; that the expenses of the Society are such as require either that all arrearages be paid, or that the delinquent members should give place to such persons as the Society may think would take a greater interest in the concerns of the institution; and that, at the next quarterly meeting, the right of disfran-

Voted, To send the first volume of the second series of the Collections to the Library Company of Philadelphia.

Voted, That any member moving out of the State shall be considered as no longer a Resident Member, but his name be transferred to the list of Corresponding Members.

Dissolved. JOSEPH McKEAN.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Aug. 29. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Savage, R. Webster, P. Whitney; came in,

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chisement be carried into effect, or that all who neglect to pay within a specified time be considered as having relinquished their seats.

"Which is submitted by order of the Committee.

"REDFORD WEBSTER.

"Mr. Winthrop being absent."

The following memorandum of the Standing Committee, in the hand of James Winthrop, its Chairman, is minuted on the same paper: —

"BOSTON, 25th October, 1808.

"Pursuant to the vote of the Historical Society, passed on the 30th of August last, the Committee therein mentioned have taken the foregoing draft into consideration, and made the necessary corrections, and recommend it to the Society for their adoption. By order, JAMES WINTHROP.

"[At a meeting of the Society,] 25th October, 1808, read and referred to the next meeting."

The following, in Judge Davis's hand, is subjoined: —

"At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1809, — the above report being read: —

"*Voted*, That it be recommitted, and that the Standing Committee be requested to report such amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and such directions relative to the communication to future members that may be elected of the terms and conditions of membership, as shall in their opinion most effectually secure the seasonable payment of the annual assessments."

This last vote was not entered in the Recording Secretary's records, and no further votes on the subject are found till August, 1811 (see p. 222), when the vote was adopted which is referred to in the text at this place. — EDS.

J. Pierce, E. Clap, J. Bartlett, J. Davis, J. Quincy, W. Shaw, and W. Tudor.

Rev. Dr. FREEMAN in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Mr. CLAP and Mr. SAVAGE were appointed to collect and report ballots.

On motion of Mr. MCKEAN,

Voted, unanimously, that, in balloting for members, and in taking any questions by yeas and nays (which shall be done when required by one-third of the members present), the law and custom of our forefathers be adopted, as it stands in the Statute of Elections, 1643, *mutatis mutandis*, "For the yearly choosing of assistants, the freemen shall use Indian corn and beans, the Indian corn to manifest election, and the beans contrary."

The Committee reported that Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, Hon. CHARLES JACKSON, and LEVI HEDGE, Esq., were unanimously elected Resident Members.

Voted, That with especial reference to the including Hubbard's History in the index to the Society's Collections, three hundred copies of said History be put into two volumes, and constitute the fifth and sixth volumes of the Collections.

Ballots were brought in for a committee to publish the fourth volume of the Collections. Hon. WILLIAM TUDOR, JOHN DAVIS, J. MCKEAN, and JAMES SAVAGE, Esq., were unanimously chosen.

Voted, To add King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, to the list of those who are to receive the Society's publications, gratis.*

Voted, That public notice be given that the subscription to Hubbard's History is closed; and that, as very few copies remain for sale, the price to non-subscribers be five dollars, in plain binding, or four dollars and seventy-five cents, in boards.

* Inserted in the list drawn up at the August meeting. — EDS.

Several communications were made of letters, donations to the Library, and articles for the Collections, acknowledged in the volumes.*

Dissolved.† JOSEPH MCKEAN.

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* It will have been seen that, for the past few years, the former practice of recording all donations to the Library and Cabinet of the Society had been omitted by the Secretary. The Committee thought it was best to reproduce the early record in print, for the information it gave as to the source of the earliest and many of the most valuable contributions to the Library and Cabinet of the Society, and as to the time when such accessions were made. This may have been the only Accessions Book that was then kept. The earliest one we now find begins in January, 1830.

With the publication of volume two of the second series of the Collections, in 1814, the Society began to print an "Acknowledgment of Donations" at the end of the volume. The editors of that volume say: "The Historical Society have occasionally returned thanks to their patrons and friends, by their Corresponding Secretary, through the medium of the public papers. The Committee for publishing this volume have judged it expedient to commence a more permanent record of benefactions. If their successors concur in the plan, the volumes will in future exhibit the evidences of public attention, and of their gratitude for the favors they receive." The earliest acknowledgment, it is believed, was made in the "American Apollo," No. 19, of the 11th May, 1792, and this did not include contributions made by several members. A continuation of these notices may be found in later numbers in that year. A list of the newspapers in which acknowledgments were made, without professing to be complete, coming down as late as September, 1810, may be seen in the volume of the Collections referred to at pages 285, 286.

The practice of printing acknowledgments of donations in the Society's Collections, here begun, continued, with occasional omissions, till 1838, — the seventh volume of the third series being the last in which such publication appeared.

A large space has been given to the record of specimens of Natural History contributed to the Cabinet, which, from the first and for many years, formed one of the objects of the Society's attention. This pursuit was subsequently relinquished, and the specimens collected in this department of science were, as we shall presently see, transferred to other depositories exclusively devoted to the studies which they serve to illustrate. — EDS.

† On a fly-leaf in an early volume of the Society's records, in Dr. McKean's hand, is written, against the name of William Wetmore, "Declared that his membership has surceased, 29th August, 1815." — EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Oct. 26. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, T. Alden, J. Davis, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, C. Lowell, J. Quincy, J. Savage, W. Tudor, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Corresponding Secretary, who also took minutes of the transactions at this time, in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

A copy of Smith's "History of Virginia" having been recently presented by the widow of the late Deacon Francis Wright,

Voted, That this volume and all peculiarly rare books be deposited by the Librarian in a locked case or drawer.

Voted, To present a copy of Hubbard's History to Alleghany College; and also Vols. III., V., and VI. of the Collections, second series, to our associate, Rev. President Alden.*

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to consider and report on Article II. of the laws regulating that body.

Donations at this meeting: —

The Lock of the Gun which killed King Philip. From Rev. Dr. Lathrop.

Smith's History of Virginia. Through James Savage, Esq. From Mrs. Wright, widow of Francis Wright.

Alden's Collections of Epitaphs. Five volumes, 18mo, elegant. From Rev. President Alden.

Communications: —

Rev. John Lathrop, D.D. Account of the Lock, &c. (above). Referred to Publishing Committee.†

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* At this time President of Alleghany College. — Eds.

† Published in 2 Collections, IV. 63. — Eds.

Mr. John Farmer, Amherst, New Hampshire. Account of Ministers in New Hampshire. Referred to Publishing Committee.*

Dissolved.

Copied from the minutes of Rev. Dr. Holmes.

JOSEPH MCKEAN,
Recording Secretary.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1816.

Jan. 25, 1816. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, J. Allen, T. M. Harris, L. Hedge, A. Holmes, C. Lowell, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Savage, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Freeman, J. Homer, J. Quincy, W. D. Peck, A. Bradford, J. Davis, and E. Eliot.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Several communications were made by the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of letters received, &c., viz.: —

From Andrew R. Giddinge, Pejepscot, Oct. 24, 1815, with an ancient historical memorandum. Referred to Publishing Committee.

From Samuel H. Jenks, Boston, Jan. 6, 1816, with articles presented. Voted thanks.

From Charles Jackson, Boston, Jan. 8, 1816, accepting his election.

From Thomas Morgan, London, Oct. 31, 1815, acknowledging the Society's present of Vols. I. and II., second series.

From Thomas T. Hewson, Philadelphia, Oct. 18, 1815, acknowledging the Society's present of Vols. V. and VI. of the Collections.

George Chalmers, Esq., of London, was nominated by Rev. Dr. Holmes, and Hon. Charles Humphrey Ather-

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* Published in 2 Collections, IV. 78. — EDS.